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## *Sights & Sounds*

*February 22, 2018*

### *February Community Days:*

*The Saskatchewan District Community gathered for Community Days last week at Queen's House and focused primarily on the discussion questions for the upcoming Convocation in Cornwall, Ontario (Monday ~ April 9 to Friday ~ April 13). Thank you to all members for your sharing and insights. Celebrations surrounded the vowed Oblates renewing their vows and Oblate Associates renewing their commitments.*

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*Further reflection on the passing of **Helen Wingert** submitted by Father Glenn Zimmer, OMI:*

*Helen Wingert, closely associated with the Oblates of (former) St. Mary's Province and Honorary Oblate in OMI Lacombe Province, passed away during the early evening on January 31, just a little more than 3 weeks after her 92nd birthday. She was a long-time member of the former Oblate parish of St. Mary's in Regina and also a promoter of single women's retreats at Queen's House in its first years. After working with the head office of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board for 38 years, she became house-keeper and companion to good friend, Father Ed Lequiea, OMI. After many years of service, concluding with much care for Father Ed (even from a distance) who eventually died of Lou Gehrig's disease in 2000, Helen lived at Sandy Beach near Lebret in a home built many years ago by her parents. She also lived awhile at Mazenod Residence, a happy time in her life at home with her Oblates. She lived in a series of nursing and care homes for most of the past decade.*

*Helen had many interests and hobbies (sewing, knitting, ceramics - starting many projects, finishing few!), the opera (every Saturday morning on CBC radio) and ballet, traveling, shopping, her immediate family (she had 3 brothers and 1 sister, all previously deceased) and above all, her faith and her church.*

*A small family memorial service was held at the Riverside Memorial Park Chapel in Regina on Wednesday, February 7 led by Father Glenn Zimmer, OMI. All gathered for lunch and many stories following Helen's burial. Two days later, especially for the benefit of people living nearby (Helen was a long-time member of Sacred Heart parish in Lebret) a memorial Eucharist was celebrated at the House of Prayer, on February 9.*

*Although a single person all of her life, perhaps Helen will be most remembered in gratitude as being a home-maker and a family-person - whether for her siblings and their children, and most especially, among her much loved Oblates of Mary Immaculate. "Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the place prepared for you ... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... I was sick and you took care of me ... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25). Thank you Helen. Now rest in peace.*

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**Trinity Manor:**

*The next coffee gathering at Trinity Manor will be this afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm.*



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**Vocations:**

*The next discernment retreat for men aged 18-35 will be held August 31 to September 3. Please contact Father Mark Blom, OMI for further information at [vocations@omilacombe.ca](mailto:vocations@omilacombe.ca) or by phone at 306-716-2640.*

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**Corrine Pambrun** extends her thanks to all the Oblates who took time to witness the marriage of Nikki and Jay. Corrine is so grateful for her Oblate family!